

Amendments to the Claims:

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (*Previously Presented*) Built-in ashtray for a motor vehicle, having a housing having a guide via which an ashtray is displaceably moveable in a drawer-type manner in the housing into an open position, and having a holder for a cigarette lighter that is mounted on the ashtray so that it can be moved into an operative position projecting upward from the ashtray, the built-in ashtray having a driving device that moves the holder during the displacement of the ashtray out of the housing upward into the operative position and downward during the displacement into the housing and a spring operatively arranged between the housing and a rearward area of the ashtray such that the ashtray is changed after the release of the locking from a moved-in closed position into a moved-out operative position,

wherein the spring is configured such that a spring force that acts upon the ashtray in its moved-out operative position and presses the ashtray out of the housing is greater than an oppositely directed force component of an operating force acting in a plane of the spring force during inserting or operating of the cigarette lighter.

2. (*Currently Amended*) Built-in ashtray according to Claim 1, wherein the spring force is initially greater during movement of the ashtray into the opening closed position than during the subsequent movement of the ashtray into the closed position.

3. (*Previously Presented*) Built-in ashtray according to Claim 1, wherein the spring is formed by a band-type flat coil spring made of a thin spring band, an end-side holding section of the band-type flat coil spring being fastened to a lower housing wall, whereas a rolled-together area with windings spaced from the holding section is supported in a rearward-side cage-type receiving device of the ashtray.

4. (*Previously Presented*) Built-in ashtray according to Claim 3, wherein the area of the band-type flat coil spring at the end-side holding section has a smaller bending radius than the area of a following portion of the band-type flat coil spring.

5. (*Previously Presented*) Built-in ashtray according to Claim 3, wherein the area of the band-type flat coil spring spaced from the end-side holding section is provided with at least one punched-out section.

6. (*Previously Presented*) Ashtray assembly for a passenger vehicle, comprising:

an ashtray housing,

an ashtray displaceable in said housing between a closed and open position,

a cigarette lighter holder carried by the ashtray and movable to a downward inoperative position when said ashtray is closed and to an upward operative position when said astray is open, and

a spring disposed between the housing and ashtray and operable to assist movement of the ashtray toward the open position,

wherein the spring is configured such that a spring force that acts upon the ashtray in its moved-out operative position and presses the ashtray outwardly of the housing, is greater than an oppositely directed force component of an operating force acting in a plane of the spring force during inserting or operating of the cigarette lighter.

7. (*Currently Amended*) Ashtray assembly according to Claim 6, wherein the spring force is initially greater during movement of the ashtray into the open closed position than during the subsequent movement of the ashtray into the closed position.

8. *(Previously Presented)* Ashtray assembly according to claim 1, wherein the spring is formed by a band-type flat coil spring made of a thin spring band, an end-side holding section of the band-type flat coil spring being fastened to a lower housing wall, whereas a rolled-together area with windings spaced from the holding section is supported in a rearward-side cage-type receiving device of the ashtray.

9. *(Previously Presented)* Ashtray assembly according to Claim 8, wherein the area of the band-type flat coil spring at the end-side holding section has a smaller bending radius than the area of the band-type flat coil spring which follows.

10. *(Previously Presented)* Ashtray assembly according to Claim 8, wherein the area of the band-type flat coil spring spaced from the end-side holding section is provided with at least one punched-out section.

11 -17. *(Canceled)*